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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated January 18, 2007.

Amendments to the Claims being on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.